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In re the Application of:

Applicant : Andrew S. Goldsborough

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Title : ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACID

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FOR APPLICATION FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified
patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 56, and substitute in place thereof the
following new claims ⁵⁷ 1 through ⁶³ 7.

- 1 ⁵⁷ 1. A method of isolating RNA comprising an oligo- or polynucleotide from a
2 sample comprising the steps of:
- 3 (a) treating the sample with a reactant capable of covalently modifying
4 the 2'-OH position of the ribose rings of the RNA under conditions
5 so that a proportion of the 2'-OH positions of the ribose rings bear a
6 substituent; and
- 7 (b) preparing isolated RNA therefrom by separating material containing
8 the substituent from the sample on the basis of a property of the
9 substituent.

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